



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

JUL 01 2004

Technology Center 2600

Applicant: Linard Karklin et al.

Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PROVIDING MASK QUALITY
CONTROL

Serial No.: 09/814,025 File Date: March 20, 2001

Examiner: Seyed H. Azarian Art Unit: 2625

Docket No.: NTI-004(717)

Date: June 22, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-15, and 17-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 6-13, 16-38, and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,647,147 (Miyano). Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyano in view of U.S. Patent 6,556,703 (Kane). Claims 14-15, 39, 43, and 44 are allowable.

Claims 7-9, 11-13, and 17-19 are amended herein. Claims 6, 10, and 16 are cancelled.



2625

Atty. Dkt. No: NTI-004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Linard Karklin et al.

Application No.: 09/814,025

Art Unit.: 2625

Filing Date: 03/20/2001

Examiner: Seyed H. Azarian

For: "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PROVIDING MASK QUALITY CONTROL"

RECEIVED

JUL 01 2004

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Technology Center 2600

Date: June 22, 2004

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
- STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
- EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	LARGE ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	41	Minus	44	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0
Indep.	14	Minus	14	= 0	x \$86 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$290 =	\$0
Total					Addit. Fee	\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

- FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

Customer No. 29477

Tel.: (408) 451-5907

**SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER**

Jeanette S. Harms

Reg. No. 35,537

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as FIRST CLASS MAIL in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 22, 2004.

Date

Signature: Rebecca A. Baumann